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CALIFORNIA AND THE JAPS

We have read carefully what Governor Johnson of California has said regarding the alien land law which the California legislature contemplates passing for self protection against the encroaching Japanese element, and we fail to find wherein California can be blamed for taking the stand she has. There is precedent already established in a dozen or more states regarding alien ownership of land which prevent people who cannot become citizens from owning real estate. But, suppose there was no precedent, Governor Johnson and the California legislature are still right in their contemplated legislation.

Every national administration from McKinley's time to the present has sidestepped an issue that is almost as important to the Pacific states as was the slavery question to the northern states. In President Wilson it was thought there was one who would stand firm, but he has joined the ranks of Japan's sympathizers and again the United States bends the knee to the Mongolian race.

The true cause for the national administrations one after the other going on record favoring the Japanese is due to the fact that presidents, senators and representatives elected from east of the Rocky mountains cannot for a moment understand the situation confronting this coast. Roosevelt, who was recognized as a western man, failed to grasp the situation which indicates that the west is not only at the mercy of Japan but that Japan has behind her the federal government of the United States, which indeed makes the situation tense so far as the Pacific states are concerned.

In the days of the civil war the cry was against intermarriage of blacks and whites, yet today in these western states more and more marriages of the Mongolian race with the Americans are recorded each year.

The whole matter must come to a climax sooner or later. The federal government may sidestep it for a while just as the present administration and its predecessors have done but there will come a time when the question of whether the Pacific states are for Americans or for the imported Chinese and Japanese must be settled.

Never fear about Governor Johnson's "hot headedness," which has been often spoken of. The governor is not desirous of plunging the nation into any trouble, nor would he willingly disgrace California by bringing on a conflict, but the governor is eminently right in his position and we hope he will stand by it.

THE FIRST GAME WON.

The news of La Grande's ball team winning the first game of the season over North Yakima, is a stimulant that professional baseball fans enjoy more than any other stimulant known. It must be borne in mind that North Yakima was touted as the strongest team, and it may be, but the fact remains that La Grande's bunch of ball players went onto the home grounds of the "Braves" and took the first game by a score of 2 to 1. The first game of a season means much to a team, especially when it is playing on its home ground and doubtless North Yakima would have rather lost any three games during the season than to have lost the first one.

IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING

Considerable complaint is heard from first one and then another because of the drains on private accounts for building churches, libraries, etc. Along with this comes the feeling against parting with money for improvements, baseball and other things that go to make a city.

We will admit that at times it does seem these things come a trifle fast, but it must be remembered that the only way to have a city is to build it, and right now we are in building process. La Grande was a village until recently. She is now a going city full of all the life and vigor that cities of several times her size possess. But we cannot have a city unless we pay the cost. Everything in this world must be paid in some manner, and as up to all of us as citizens to shoulder every load that comes along, do our part and throw up our hat in praise. The knockers are growing fewer and fewer in La Grande, in fact it is seldom now you find one. The man who roared about taxes a few years ago is now a booster of the keenest type and throughout all of the transformation comes a bright, bustling city recognized today over the northwest as the best of its size.

LONE STAR ITEMS.

Lone Star, Oregon, April 21.—(Special)—The Valley creamery is soliciting patronage of the farmers who sell cream. Mr. Emigh is going to start a wagon from Summerville Wednesday to gather up the cream once a week, and deliver it to Imbler, which will be a great convenience to the farmers. He tests and weighs the cream at the door.

The farmers along the foot hills are busy clearing land while they are waiting for their farming land to dry, as it is very wet in the bottom lands.

Mrs. D. Greiner returned to her home in Walla Walla after a ten day visit with her sons.

J. L. Woodell, J. D. Woodell and Mr. and Mrs. McClure were in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilson were business visitors in the city Saturday.

Mrs. John Shaw is sick at her farm. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conrad and Mr. and Mrs. Will Chaffin were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Witte Sunday.

The farmers are all busy as been getting the land in readiness for their spring crops.

G. I. Wade traded a span of mares to L. E. Stanley for an auto.

The Pleasant Grove Grange would like all members present at next grange meeting Friday night, April 25, so as to decide on the Grange hall that the grangers are planning to build this spring.

The bridge near Summerville that crosses Willow creek is very near out. The creek is pretty high now, and is out of its banks in some places.

SKYSCRAPER BASEBALL.

Teams Play Game at Noon Hour on Roof of Building. Skyscraper baseball 200 feet above the street level is played by employees in the main building of the Chicago Telephone company with the smiling of mild weather.

A baseball diamond has been laid out on the roof and two teams organized. Every day at noon the teams play a few innings. The diamond is enclosed by a six foot wall, and the roof is so large that no one has yet been able to bat the indoor ball out of the "grounds."

Switched Him On.

"I am not rich like you," said the young man, "but I am coming strong and willing to work. May I speak to your father?"

"Why not?" said the heiress. "He is constantly hiring young men with just such qualifications as you enumerate."—Louisville Courier-Journal

Placing the Villain.

Critics—Who is the villain of that new play at the Hamme theater? Critics—I'm not quite sure but it must be either the man who wrote it or the man who produced it.—Chicago News

Just "Between You and I."

She—Why, her and me were the best of friends before him and her met. Of course this is between you and I.—London Punch

Hatred is the wrath of the weak.—Alphonse Daudet.

\$1,000,000 Gift.

Pittsburg, April 24.—The formal announcement of another \$1,000,000 gift by Andrew Carnegie to the Carnegie Technical Institute was made at Founders' Day exercises today. Former Governor Herbert S. Hadley, of Missouri, was the principal speaker of the day. Andrew Carnegie was unable to attend. President William A. Frew of the board of trustees, was scheduled to announce the prize winners of the international art exhibit, for which some 800 pictures were submitted and 318 accepted and judged by a board of 11 artists of international fame. The report of the secretary, music by the club completed the program. The Carnegie gift of today is the twelfth million he has presented to Tech. The endowment fund is not \$5,000,000.

Baseball Probe to Continue.

Washington, April 24.—Whether Ty Cobb signs to play with Detroit or



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not, Congressman Gallagher has determined to push his demands for a congressional investigation to probe the baseball trust. Senators who are ball moguls are alarmed at the persistency of the probe promoter. No matter how long you suffered, or what other remedies have failed to cure you, Foley Kidney Pills will surely help you. They are genuinely tonic, strengthening and curative, build up the kidneys and restore their regular action. John Velbert, Foster, Calif., says: "I suffered many years with kidney trouble and could never get relief until I tried Foley Kidney Pills which effected a complete cure." For sale by A. T. Hill. Chattel Mortgage Sale. Whereas, default has been made in the conditions of a certain Chattel Mortgage executed by J. H. Millerling, mortgagor, to Gaar-Swett Co., mortgagee, dated on the 5th day of September, 1910, and filed for record in the office of the county recorder of deeds, county of Union, Oregon, on the 4th day of September, 1910, and the nature of such default is the non-payment of Eleven Hundred Dollars, with interest at 7-1/2 per cent. per annum from the 5th day of September, 1910, which is the amount claimed to be due thereon at the date of this notice, of which mortgage and the debt there-by secured, the undersigned is now the owner and holder, and no suit or proceeding has been had for the recovering of the debt thereby secured and one hundred dollars for expenses for foreclosure and attorneys fees. Now, therefore, notice is hereby given, that because of such default, said mortgage will be foreclosed, and the undersigned will offer for sale and the undersigned will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder the following described personal property covered by said mortgage-to-wit: One 33x54 Gaar-Swett separator No 21261 complete with brake; one self feeder No. 6198; one gearless stacker No. 7117; one No. 6 elevator and loader No. 85203; one black horse

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